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Purpose:

In order to promote interagency information sharing and data flow, CAL FIRE's intent is to use the Federal Fire and Aviation Management (F&AM) File Transfer Protocol (FTP) site for incident intelligence data collection, distribution, access and storage.

This will allow for data integration on Unified Command Incidents, shared archiving of historical data, enable the ability to generate reports, and will act as a repository for other applications (CAL COP, IRWIN, Inciweb, EGP, etc.) that use geographic information systems (GIS) data.

Posting Location:

This site can be accessed to obtain data and/or map products for active or historical fires. The GIS information on this site should be updated as often as new information is available. In order to post/upload data to the F&AM FTP site or access files/documents (IAP, Comm Plan, etc.), users must have a "NESS Application Portal" (NAP) account. A NAP account is not required to access and download GIS data. Directions for posting and/or accessing data on the site can be found in Posting and Downloading Intelligence Data exhibit.

Responsibilities and Action:

The Unit Duty Chief (UDC) or Planning Section Chief will assure that the documents are posted daily by 1000hrs (or the time determined by Sacramento or Region) or whenever data is updated.

Approval to post Information and Intelligence:

The Incident Commander (IC) will approve all incident information and intelligence before it is posted to the FTP site. The data layer and map products must agree with the assets and infrastructure threatened as detailed in the ICS-209.

When to initiate:

Whenever the following exists:

- All incidents where an ICS-209 has been posted to FAMWEB
- Major loss of life/property.
- Potential to burn/continue for more than 48 hours.
- A Major Incident Management Team is assigned to the incident
- State or National level of attention.
- At the direction of the CAL FIRE Executive Office, Region Chief, or Unit Chief.

Where to Post:

F&AM FTP site (FTP.NIFC.GOV):

- GIS data and non-sensitive files / documents
 - North Ops Appropriate year and incident folder in the "incident specific data\calif n\!CALFIRE" folder
 - South Ops Appropriate year and incident folder in the "incident_specific_data\calif_s\CALFIRE" folder
- See the <u>Posting and Downloading Intelligence Data</u> exhibit for instructions on accessing this site.

What to Post:

- Incident Action Plans
- Communication Plans (ICS-205)
- Demobilization Plans
- GIS incident data, including:
 - o Zipped shapefile containing incident perimeter
 - o <u>Zipped</u> incident geodatabase (if applicable)
 - Must use NWCG GIS Standard Operating Procedures (GSTOP) for naming all files.
- GIS data that is compatible with Google Earth (KML/KMZ)
- Remote sensing products
- Other incident intelligence that needs to be saved and shared

To View and Download Incident Data:

To view and download incident data, access the following link, http://ftp.nifc.gov/incident_specific_data/. The folders are organized by GACC,"calif n/" is the north region, "calif s/" is the south region. Each GACC is organized with a CAL FIRE folder and incident folders by year. The incident folder by year is intended for use by the federal agencies.

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